

NEWS FROM ALL OVER IMPERIAL MISSOURI

Interesting Happenings Which Have Taken Place in the Greatest State in the Union.
The Product of the Scissors, the Pen and a Little Actual Labor

A tax receipt eighty-one years old, issued by the state of Virginia in 1835, recently was found in remodeling a Saline county residence.

The Pettis county jail at Sedalia lost eight of the eighteen prisoners confined there on Friday morning when a large cell was forced from which escape was thought impossible.

A white squirrel was on exhibition at the Williams grocery store Saturday. The squirrel was captured south of Cameron a few weeks ago and is quite a curiosity.

The man, who owned a peach orchard in the Koshkonong-Brandsville fruit district this year had a gold mine. According to figures just given out the crop this year amounted to 217 cars, valued at more than \$200,000.

An old rain barrel, filled with lemonade and with tin cups tied to it, replaced the cut glass punch bowl at an apron and overall party in Elsberry recently. The young women wore their hair braided down their backs.

The sideshow midgets were delighted at a circus the other day when Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Burton, of Holliday, strolled in to see the sights. Mr. Burton is forty-nine inches tall and Mrs. Burton's height is three inches less. Mr. Burton is a prosperous Monroe county farmer.

A dog with the gout is among those visiting Excelsior Springs in search of health, the Standard says. He is Rajah, a monster Newfoundland, belonging to an Eastern man, and the dog makes regular pilgrimages to the springs under the guidance of a keeper.

There is no more government land in Wright county according to the Mansfield Mirror, which says the last tract there has been homesteaded by Thomas H. Miles of Seymour. Less than one thousand acres of land is now subject to homestead in the entire state.

The Green City Fair association closed last week the most successful fair ever held in Green City, and possibly in North Missouri. Ten thousand persons were at the fair on Thursday, the gate receipts running to over \$2,500. It is said that 1,600 automobiles paid admission into the grounds that day.

Separated from each other for only three weeks during their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duncan, of Ray county recently celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. The brief separation occurred during the Civil war. Mr. Duncan is 78 years old; his wife 77. They were married when 18 and 17, were born in Ray county and have lived there for sixty years.

Campfire ice for parched lips was among the articles placed in comfort bags which Carthage women sent to their soldiers on the border. Six sewing needles, three darning needles, six safety pins, thread, buttons tape, a pinholder, scissors, courtplaster, toilet soap, the New Testament and Psalms, a song book, a temperance pledge card and a letter also went with each bag.

Leslie Rippey, the 6-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rippey of Parnell is in a serious condition following an attack by vicious hogs Sunday. The youngster, in company with Walter Ashlock, were driving the hogs through a pasture near the Rippey home, when a dog belonging to the Rippey boy rushed into the herd, biting several of the hogs. The hogs turned on the child, throwing him down and biting his face, limbs and arms. The injuries will not prove fatal unless blood poison sets in.

A strong man recently visited Coffey, and the citizens turned out to see him pull a plow through stubble ground, as advertised. The strong man tugged at the traces, but his feet slipped, and he couldn't budge. Finally one of the spectators climbed on the heavy weight's back to hold him to the ground, and the plow started right off and made a furrow.

It seemed a shame to take the money to several Mexico youths the other day, when a stranger on the streets sold \$1 bills for seventy-five cents, "just to get the change." Soon he had some beautiful watches he wanted to sell, and the young men stilled their consciences and snapped them up. When the stranger left town hurriedly one of the customers grew suspicious and on examination found

the timekeepers were of glass, artistically gilded. Then he realized the peddler knew what he said, when he said "he just wanted to get the change."

Sixty-seven years old, A. M. Barnhart, of Vandev, saw his first ball game the other day and thought it quite interesting for spectators, but entirely too dangerous for the players. Mr. Barnhart has spent his life in Osage and Maries counties, having never been out of the state.

Windshields on buggies for protection against quails are needed in Christian county, according to the report of the Springfield Republican. J. A. Case says that on recent trip to the county the Bob Whites were so thick that in flying past his buggy two of them hit their heads against the top and fell into his lap.

That he never has eaten meat or tasted pepper, coffee, tobacco or any form of alcohol is the assertion of an 18-year-old Greene county youth, the son of Seventh Day Adventist parents. He recently walked 130 miles cross country to attend a church conference, sleeping in straw stacks at night. The trip was finished in about three days.

William Tracy, of Skidmore, was in Burlington Junction Tuesday arranging for some dental work with Dr. G. C. Trusty. Mr. Tracy is now past 90 years old but steps round as spry as many men of sixty. He has spent the greater part of his life in this part of the country, having broken sod on the site where Burlington Junction now stands.

Elmer, the 4-year-old son of Rescoe Blankenship, a Platte county farmer, lay down in a furrow and dropped asleep. Thinking the child had gone to the house, Mr. Blankenship continued on his rounds, plowing the boy under. The boy nearly suffocated before the dirt could be rubbed from his mouth, eyes and nose, but he was not seriously hurt.

A new sort of intensive farming is reported by Judge Thompson, of Jamesport. Several days since when the Judge's children went out to the chicken house to gather eggs, they noticed a swarm of bees just under the roof. The Judge says some of the cones are already two feet long and there is at least a tub full of honey awaiting the gathering.

J. P. Scowden has probably one of the oldest automobiles in the county that has seen continuous service. It is a two-cylinder Buick and was purchased nine years ago. He paid \$1,250 for it. The left front tube and tire has never had a puncture and the air has never been entirely out of it since he first got it. He has his third set of tires on the rear wheels. We don't believe this record can be beat anywhere.—Parnell Sentinel

A couple of Barnard girls recently had their pictures taken in a rather remarkable pose. They were both wearing the same pair of pants—one girl in each leg of the trousers, which the town tailor had just finished for the world's largest postmaster, Clyde Perkins, Barnard's postmaster, who weighs 418 pounds. The Maryville Democrat-Forum tried to secure one of these pictures for publication, but found that they were for private circulation only.

Walnut shingles, homemade, were found in tearing down a large brick house built in Platte county seventy-one years ago. Under a staircase were several pairs of old fashioned shoes with very high heels. Elderly residents of the neighborhood recall that it was a great place for parties and dances in the days before the Civil war. The site is being cleared for a modern 10-room residence.

Charivari parties always are delightful affairs to all except those in the receiving line. Ash Grove held one the other night which caused those not in the party to fear the Mexicans had arrived and started a bombardment of the town. The bridegroom was hoisted on a ladder for a free ride, but before the parade got under steam the ladder broke. Whereupon the bridegroom "did the handsome thing" and the party adjourned.

In a pasture in Monroe county five mules and a horse were starved to death recently. The animals were the property of Buckman Brothers, horsemen, and with others were turned into the pasture in which was an old barn. To escape the heat a number

of the animals went into the barn, when a gust of wind slammed the door shut, imprisoning them. When one of the Buckmans visited the barn the other day he found the prisoners, with six of them dead.

The days of the circuit rider and the Sundays when young men put on their best suits of homespun and the girls carried their shoes under their arms until in sight of the "meetin' house," were recalled by a recent "Homecoming Day" of the Blackwater Methodist Church, South, in Johnson county. The congregation began in 1822 with twenty-one members. Grandchildren of the original founders were among those who were present to eat fried chicken and old country ham.

As thrilling as the melodrama in which the heroine is jerked from the teeth of the old lumber mill's saw was the saving of a train at Elsberry the other night, when three hundred feet of track washed out during one of the most disastrous floods recalled in that vicinity. A resident discovered the damage and started down the track with a lantern, signaling the engineer to stop. Wind blew out the lantern's light. The train rushed on. But back at the station a man had seen the light. Grasping a glob of lantern he ran down the track after the train and was seen by trainmen in the caboose, who applied the air and brought the train to a standstill just in the nick of time.

A woman driving a crippled mule about the streets and saying her husband was dead, attracted the attention of the authorities in Sedalia several days since. She asserted that she was trying to get through from Columbia to Joplin. An investigation revealed that the woman's husband, instead of being dead, was waiting for her at the State fair grounds. Then the practical charity commenced. The mule was given a dose of strychnine to put it out of its misery, the man was given a job and set to work and the woman and her children were given a temporary home in the city hospital until other arrangements in their case could be made.—Henry County Democrat.

A ghost story is being recalled by elderly residents of Stone county, since the death of one of the principals in the episode. As the story goes, a party of young people had gone to a dance in Stone county one Christmas night, when early in the morning, on the return home, there appeared in front of them two men, both on horses, coming at breakneck speed, but the hoofs of their horses did not clatter on the frozen ground. The driver of the wagon reined in his horses to give them the road, when they separated, passing the wagon on each side, and as they swished by it was noticed neither had a head. One of the young women fainted and for several months her reason was in danger. Nothing more ever was seen of the "headless horsemen."



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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court to the October Term, A. D. 1916, STATE OF MISSOURI vs.

County of Buchanan, Lottie Harmon, Plaintiff, vs. Thomas E. Harmon, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in vacation that said defendant, Thomas E. Harmon, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a divorce on the ground of indignities such as to render her life intolerable in this, to wit: That defendant assaulted plaintiff, struck her with his fists in a brutal manner; that he attempted to cut her throat with a razor; that he often cursed and abused her and many times threatened her life; that he had an ungovernable temper and that he was at all times very abusive against plaintiff; that unless the said Thomas E. Harmon shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 2nd day of October, 1916, or before the 15th day of October, 1916, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the St. Joseph Observer, a newspaper published in the County of Buchanan, for four weeks successively, the last insertion of which to be at least fifteen days before the next October term of this Court.

A copy. Attest: ROSS C. COX, Clerk. By Stella Whitehead, Deputy Clerk. Merritt & Reese, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

In the Buchanan County Circuit Court to the October Term, A. D. 1916, STATE OF MISSOURI vs.

County of Buchanan, John B. Shields, Plaintiff, vs. Beattie Shields, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by his attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in vacation that said defendant, Beattie Shields, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced his suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from defendant on the ground of indignities such as to render his condition in life intolerable, to-wit: That defendant failed and refused to cook and keep the house clean; that she was quarrelsome; that she carried on correspondence with other men and on July 21, 1916, she left plaintiff and said she was going to live with another man; that unless the said defendant shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 2nd day of October, 1916, or before the 15th day of October, 1916, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to her and judgment rendered accordingly.

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In the Buchanan County Circuit Court, to the October Term, 1916, STATE OF MISSOURI vs.

County of Buchanan, Lucy Cleveland, Plaintiff, vs. Farley Cleveland, Defendant.

Now at this day came the plaintiff by her attorney, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Circuit Court that said defendant, Farley Cleveland, is a non-resident of the State of Missouri and does not reside therein, it is ordered that said non-resident defendant be notified by publication, as required by law, that said plaintiff has commenced her suit in this Court against said defendant by petition and affidavit, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of divorce from defendant on the ground that defendant has absented himself from plaintiff without reasonable cause for the space of more than one whole year next before the filing of this petition; that unless the said defendant shall be and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held at the Court House, in the City of St. Joseph, in Buchanan County, State of Missouri, on the 2nd day of October, 1916, or before the 15th day of October, 1916, to answer plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken for confessed as to him and judgment rendered accordingly.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of Henry Wildberger, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 22nd day of August, 1916. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

RUDOLPH BODTKE, Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters Testamentary upon the estate of Louisa A. Johnson, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned, by the Probate Court of Buchanan County, Missouri, bearing date of the 22nd day of July, 1916. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance, within six months from date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the publication of this notice, they will be forever barred.

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